

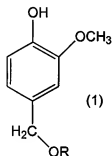
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions of the claims presented in the application.

1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) A body flavor enhancer of a food or beverage comprising:

(A) a vanillyl alcohol derivative represented by Formula 1:



wherein R is an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms

and/or a formed product thereof;

(B) one or more materials selected from the group consisting of sweetenings, salty seasonings[[,]] and umami seasonings; and

(C) a flavor and/or spice.

4. (Currently amended) The body flavor enhancer according to claim 3, wherein R in Formula I is a n-butyl group.

5. (Currently amended) The body flavor enhancer according to claim 3, wherein the component (C) is at least one kind selected from ginger[[,]] oleoresin, chili pepper oleoresin, pepper oleoresin, jamboo oleoresin, Japanese pepper oleoresin, gingerone, capsaicin, dihydrocapsaicin, piperine, piperidine, chavicine, spilanthol, α -sanshool, β -sanshool, sanshoamide, 4-(L-menthoxymethyl)-2-(3', 4'-dihydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxolane, 4-(L-menthoxymethyl)-2-(3'-

methoxy-4'-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxolane, 4-(L-menthoxyethyl)-2-(3'-ethoxy-4'-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-dioxolane, alkanolic vanillyl amides, wherein the alkanolic acid has 7 to 12 carbon atoms, vanillin alkylene glycol acetals, wherein the alkylene group has 3 to 6 carbon atoms, and ethyl vanillin alkylene glycol acetal, wherein the alkylene group has 3 to 6 carbon atoms.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The body A food or beverage containing the flavor enhancer according to claim 3~~ [[1]] wherein (B) is one or more salty seasonings.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The body A method for enhancing the flavor of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the flavor enhancer of claim 3~~ [[1]] into the food or beverage wherein (B) is one or more umami seasonings.

8. (Currently amended) A food or beverage containing a body-enhancing amount of the body flavor enhancer according to claim 3.

9. (Currently amended) A method for enhancing the body flavor of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the body flavor enhancer of claim 3 into the food or beverage, to enhance the body of said food or beverage.

10. (New) A food or beverage containing a body-enhancing amount of the body enhancer according to claim 5.

11. (New) A method for enhancing the body of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the body enhancer of claim 5 into the food or beverage, to enhance the body of said food or beverage.

12. (New) The body enhancer according to claim 5, wherein R in Formula I is a n-butyl group.

13. (New) A food or beverage containing a body-enhancing amount of the body enhancer according to claim 12.

14. (New) A method for enhancing the body of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the body enhancer of claim 12 into the food or beverage, to enhance the body of said food or beverage.

15. (New) A food or beverage containing a body-enhancing amount of the body enhancer according to claim 6.

16. (New) A method for enhancing the body of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the body enhancer of claim 6 into the food or beverage, to enhance the body of said food or beverage.

17. (New) A food or beverage containing a body-enhancing amount of the body enhancer according to claim 7.

18. (New) A method for enhancing the body of a food or beverage comprising incorporating the body enhancer of claim 7 into the food or beverage, to enhance the body of said food or beverage.